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## J. W. Elwood of NBC, CIA

John W. Elwood, 64, a pioneer in radio and former executive with the National Broadcasting Co., died yesterday at his home in Palo Alto, Calif. He suffered a stroke several months ago.

He served here with the Central Intelligence Agency from 1953 until last April, when he retired to California.

A native of Ilion, N. Y., Mr. Elwood attended Amherst College and Harvard and joined the General Electric Co. in 1917. He went to San Francisco in 1925 to set up radio communication facilities to the Orient for the Radio Corporation of America.

He later became first vice

president of NBC and managed the NBC station in San Francisco from 1942 to 1950, then served two years as director of Radio Free Asia before coming to CIA.